

Lesson 5.4: 5th Grade Music
American Popular Music

Name: _____

1. What significance does the Bay Psalmbook hold? What type of music does it contain? How does this book shape the future for America? **Video 1**
2. The bringing of African tradition to America, amidst laments and shouts of protests, are known as what? (0:30). What 3 types of music are brought upon by this musical form? (0:40). **Video 2**
3. How would singing get an African-American through the situation described at (5:00)? What is shameful about (5:20)? What did African work songs eventually help begin (7:25)? **Video 3**
4. Of the two Civil War pieces, which do you like better? Please discuss the following when answering. Musical style, words, mood of the music. **Video 4**
5. Ragtime is a branch of music that has African-American roots and sets the stage for Blues, Jazz, and Rock and Roll. Describe this music with the following guide. What is the mood? Is it smooth or rocky? Does it repeat? What do you enjoy about it the most? **Video 5**
6. Please name 3 well-known jazz instruments (0:25). **Video 6**
7. "Hit the Road Jack" sounds a bit like jazz and the blues. Do you hear any solos (0:35 😊)? Does it use repetition? Does it have a happy or somber feeling? What instrumentation changes have taken place for this piece? **Video 7**
8. *Note on Johnny B. Goode*: This selection is taken from the movie "Back to the Future". The premise of the movie is that the person playing the guitar (Michael J. Fox) is really from 1985 but went back in time to 1955 and is playing for a school dance. He mistakenly plays a piece from 1958, which wouldn't have been written in 1955, so the band did not know the piece. He then gets so involved in the music making process that he forgets that the audience he plays for is from 1955 and the next thing he knows his music sounds more like 1985 and the audience isn't ready for it. *Note the blues reference in the beginning to the "blues riff in B"*. Beginning at 1:45, what starts to happen to the music that is being played? **Video 8**